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## 'We got him'

### Saddam 'caught like a rat' in a hole

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Without firing a shot, American forces captured a bearded and haggard-looking Saddam Hussein in a dirt pit across a river from one of his former palaces near his hometown of Tikrit. The arrest was a huge victory for U.S. forces battling an insurgency by the ousted dictator's followers.

In the capital, radio stations played celebratory music, residents fired small arms in the air in celebration and passengers on buses and trucks shouted, "They got Saddam! They got Saddam!"

"The former dictator of Iraq will face the justice he denied to millions," President Bush said in a televised address from the White House, eight months after American troops swept into Baghdad and toppled Saddam's regime.

Washington hopes Saddam's capture will help break the organized Iraq resistance

that has killed more than 190 American soldiers since Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

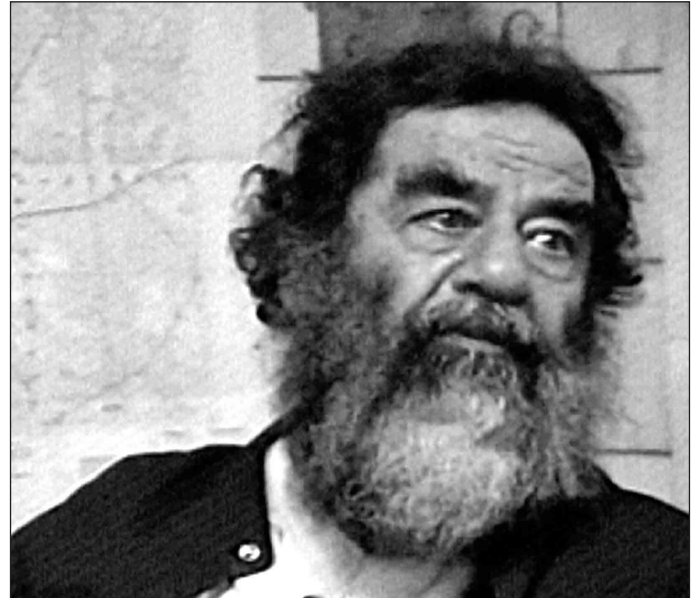
But Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, which captured Saddam, said the ousted leader did not appear to be directly organizing resistance — noting no communication devices were found in his hiding place.

The commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said on Sunday he believed the insurgency against the American occupation would continue despite the capture of Saddam.

"We do not expect at this point in time that we will have a complete elimination of those attacks," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said at a Baghdad news conference.

Saddam's capture was based on information from a member of a family "close to him," Odierno told reporters in Tikrit.

The crucial information came after prisoners from raids and intelligence tips led



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**Captured former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein speaks in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday in this image from television.**

to increasingly precise information, as CIA and military analysts gradually narrowed down their list of potential sites where Saddam was staying, a U.S. official said.

The capture took place at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at a walled compound on a farm in Adwar, a town 10 miles from Tikrit, not far from one of Saddam's former palaces, Odierno said.

"I think it's rather ironic

that he was in a hole in the ground across the river from these great palaces that he built," Odierno said.

The event comes almost five months after his sons, Qusai and Odai, were killed July 22 in a four-hour gunbattle with U.S. troops in Mosul.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him," U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer told a news conference.

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## Troops happy but see more work ahead

BY FRANKLIN FISHER  
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*Stars and Stripes*

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Troops in a combat unit that carried out frequent raids like the one that bagged Saddam Hussein welcomed news of his capture, but saw tough work still ahead for coalition forces.

"That was good. That was something. We made history," said Sgt. Arnaldo Rosario of the 1st Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment.

"He's as bad as they get ... hands-down evil," Rosario, 24, of New York City, said of Saddam. "He's been sitting up on his high chair for all this time. He finally ran into reality. You reap what you sow."

Rosario's battalion has been in the vanguard of efforts to keep pressure on Saddam loyalists who have conducted guerilla attacks in Baghdad. Three of its troops were killed in action and others have been wounded.

Besides running patrols and manning checkpoints, the battalion has mounted a

series of house-to-house searches seeking illegal weapons, quick-reaction forays to chase down insurgents, and sudden raids in search of insurgent suspects.

Spc. William Ashbaugh, 31, of Elyria, Ohio, is a Humvee commander with the battalion's scout platoon. He said he had a feeling of excitement when he heard Saddam was captured, but the "rush of it" was quickly gone.

"At first I asked myself, 'Is it really him?' And at that point it went into 'How

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## Saddam

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Some 600 troops and special forces were involved in the raid that netted Saddam, Odierno said.

Troops found the ousted leader, armed with a pistol, hiding in an underground crawl space at the walled compound, Odierno said.

Rugs and dirt covered the Styrofoam lid covering the entrance to the hiding place, a few feet from a small, mud-brick hut where Saddam had been staying.

Saddam was "very disoriented" as soldiers brought him out of the hole, Odierno said. A Pentagon diagram showed the hiding place as a 6-foot-deep vertical tunnel, with a shorter tunnel branching out horizontally from one side. A pipe to the concrete surface at ground level provided air.

Saddam didn't fire his weapon. "There was no way he could fight back so he was just caught like a rat," Odierno said.

Two other Iraqis — described as low-level regime figures — were arrested in the raid, and soldiers found two Kalashnikov rifles, a pistol, a taxi and \$750,000 in \$100 American bills.

Sanchez, who saw Saddam overnight, said the deposed leader "has been cooperative and is talkative." He described Saddam as "a tired man, a man resigned to his fate."

Sanchez played a video at the news conference showing the 66-year-old Saddam in custody.

Saddam, with a thick, graying beard and bushy hair, was seen as a doctor examined him, feeling his scalp and holding his mouth open with a tongue depressor. Then the video showed a picture of Saddam after he was shaved, juxtaposed for comparison with an old photo of the Iraqi leader while in power.

Iraqi journalists at the press conference stood, pointed and shouted "Death to Saddam!" and "Down with Saddam!"

Celebratory gunfire erupted in the capital, Baghdad.

# Bush: Capture is end of 'dark and painful era'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Sunday that Saddam Hussein's capture marks the end of "a dark and painful era" in Iraq but cautioned that it does not mean the end of violence.

Bush said Saddam "will face the justice he denied to millions."

"It marks the end of the road for him and all who killed and bullied in his name," Bush said in a nationally broadcast address from the Cabinet Room.

Bush was alerted Saturday afternoon by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that U.S. forces believed they had captured Saddam. But the final confirmation did not come until 5:14 a.m. EST Sunday. That was when his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, called the president to say that the suspect was indeed the former Iraqi leader.

Bush praised U.S. forces who captured Saddam, saying they acted with skill and precision.

"Our servicemen and women, and our coalition allies, have faced many dangers in the hunt for members of the fallen regime and in their effort to bring hope to the Iraqi people," he said. "Their work continues and so do the risks."

"The Iraqi people have now been liberated in spirit, as well as in fact," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday.

"As they celebrate, we also stop to remember the many U.S. and coalition forces who gave their lives to make this moment possible — including many brave Iraqis who served in their new security forces and who died fighting for their country."

But Sen. Jay Rockefeller, the vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, cautioned the capture likely will not end the insurgent attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq. U.S. officials were wary of retaliatory strikes.

"Given the location and circumstances of his capture, it makes it clear that Saddam was not managing the insurgency, and that he had very little control or influence. That is significant and disturbing because it means the insurgents are not fighting for Saddam, they're fighting against the United States," Rockefeller said.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said he talked with Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Richard Myers on Sunday morning about what lies ahead.

They discussed keeping "our guard up very tightly in the near term because there's a possibility of retaliatory strikes," said Rep. Duncan Hunter.

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does it change our role?" "Ashbaugh said.

"Our mission basically stays the same. That was just part of our mission. We still have a lot of cleanup work ... with Saddam captured, still a lot of people to catch. So really, because we take down the figurehead doesn't mean the end of our mission."

To Ashbaugh, the capture is partly "payback for the individuals who paid the ultimate price. It's one more thing on our list."

"And there's an overwhelming pride that it was the Army that actually got their hands on, that was in on the raid to take Saddam," he said.

For another soldier in the

unit, the news was first heralded by the sound of Iraqis firing guns in celebration Sunday afternoon.

"I'm up in the turret and we're in the Humvee and suddenly I hear the whole city erupt in gunfire," said Pfc. David Campbell, 21, of Van Lear, Ky.

"About two minutes later it comes over the net, there's a possibility that Saddam was captured ... and then the lieutenant said it was official.

Campbell said he wasn't sure what impact the capture would have on the insurgents, but said he hopes some of their activity will die down.

"Immediate reaction, I don't think it'll be as big as we'd like, but as far as the long term, it's a big step for-

ward, especially the way he didn't go out fighting — is going to be a big thing," said 1st Lt. Andrew Driscoll, 24, of Philadelphia, the battalion's chemical officer.

There was more levity at the Baghdad International Airport, where about 150 soldiers watched a television broadcast announcing the capture. The images of a haggard Saddam brought whoops of laughter from soldiers, who were waiting for flights departing Iraq.

As images of a bearded Saddam were shown, one soldier yelled out, "Man, he look like s---," eliciting guffaws from dozens in the crowd.

Several said they hoped that the news would mean an end to attacks against their fellow soldiers.



# U.S. still deciding ousted dictator's fate

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. officials said they still haven't decided what to do with Saddam Hussein now that he's been captured, but one option is putting him before a special tribunal established just days ago. Iraq's Governing Council said Saddam would face public trial in Iraq.

Iraq's interim government established a special tribunal Wednesday to try top members of Saddam's government for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. At the time, they said Saddam could be tried in absentia.

Lt. Gen. Richardo Sanchez said at a news conference Sunday that the U.S.-led coalition was still deciding what to do with Saddam.

"At this point, that has not been determined, we continue to process Saddam at this

point in time and those issues will be resolved in the near future," Sanchez said.

Iraqi officials were more certain. Adnan Pachachi, a member of Iraq's Governing Council, said Saddam would face open, public trial inside Iraq. That was echoed by other members of the council as well.

"There's no question that the process will be an Iraqi process," Pachachi said.

Council member Mouwafak al-Rabii said any trial would be conducted in accordance with international norms.

"Iraq is truly victorious now because of the arrest of the tyrant, but we won't lose sight of human rights and international standards," he said in Baghdad.

There was no immediate U.S. reaction to the Governing Council claims. The human rights group Amnesty

International said Saddam should be given prisoner-of-war status and should be allowed visits by the international Red Cross.

"Like any other criminal suspect he is entitled to all relevant safeguards under international law, including the right not to be subjected to torture or ill-treatment, and of course the right to receive a fair trial, defense lawyer and the minimum safeguards as any other prisoner," said Nicole Shoueiry, an Amnesty spokeswoman.

Shoueiry said Amnesty has questions about the tribunal's legitimacy "because it was set up without consultations with Iraqi civil society, Iraqi lawmakers and international experts and observers, including the United Nations."

U.S. officials said the next few days and weeks will be momentous. Though Saddam's was talking and cooper-

ating after his capture, officials have yet to begin the process of intensive intelligence debriefings.

The tribunal will cover crimes committed from July 17, 1968 — the day Saddam's Baath Party came to power — until May 1, 2003 — the day President Bush declared major hostilities over, said Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council. Saddam became president in 1979 but wielded vast influence starting from the early 1970s.

The tribunal will try cases stemming from mass executions of Iraqi Kurds in the 1980s, as well as the suppression of uprisings by Kurds and Shiite Muslims soon after the 1991 Gulf War.

Al-Hakim said it would also try cases committed against Iran — with which Iraq fought a bloody 1980-88 war — and against Kuwait, which Iraq invaded in 1990, sparking the Gulf War.

## Iraqis in capital celebrate news of capture

BY DAFNA LINZER

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Celebratory gunfire rang out across the Iraqi capital, radios played festive music, drivers honked their horns and passengers on buses and trucks chanted, "They got Saddam, they got Saddam," as word of the former dictator's capture spread from car to car and shop to shop on a sun-filled Sunday afternoon.

U.S. troops stationed around the country cheered when they heard the news and held back as Iraqis fired their guns in the air. Iraqi journalists gave U.S. officials a standing ovation and cheered wildly when video of a captured Saddam was shown during a news conference announcing the arrest.

But not everyone was happy and the celebrations didn't last long. Many said they wanted proof that the man in U.S. custody is the real Saddam Hussein.

"I heard the news, but I'll believe it when I see it," said Mohaned al-Hasaji, a 33-year-old who owns a cosmetics shop on Baghdad's bustling Karada street. "They need to show us that they really have him."

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**Mohaned al-Hasaji**

Shop owner in Baghdad

Outside his shop, a paper boy sold copies of Sunday's edition of Shaheed, or the Witness, a weekly newsmagazine whose cover story was graced with photos of Saddam and banner headline that asked "Who's the real Saddam?"

In Sadr City, a mainly Shiite district east of Baghdad, there was heavy celebratory gunfire. But at the Palestine hotel, where foreign journalists and American contract workers are staying, Abil Daoud was disappointed.

"We lost our only hope and now we are stuck with the Americans," said Daoud, who is employed by U.S. troops as a local security guard.

Some called Saddam a "coward" for

getting caught. Others were glad he didn't die a martyr.

"He killed my son Mohammed and he tortured his people," said Halem a-Jassen, 40, as she celebrated in the street.

Members of the Iraqi Communist Party, which was banned and persecuted under Saddam's rule, passed around bags of candy and waved red flags outside their party headquarters.

A Shiite cleric named Azhad al-Faili thanked the Almighty "for ridding the world of the tyrant."

Ayet Bassem, who wore the traditional black cloak of religious Muslim women, was overcome with a sense of relief.

"Things will be better for my son," she said, clutching the hand of six-year-old Zenalbadin. "My son now has a future." With random gunfire in the streets, she said it was time to go home and leave the shopping for later.

Worried shopkeepers hurried to close up their businesses early and get home before the shooting increased.

Among them was Yehya Hasson.

"I'm very happy. Now we can start a new beginning."

# Car bomb blast kills 17 in Iraq

*The Associated Press*

KHALDIYAH, Iraq — A suspected suicide bomber detonated explosives in a car outside a police station Sunday morning west of Baghdad, killing at least 17 people and wounding 33 more, the U.S. military said.

Also an American soldier died Sunday while trying to disarm a roadside bomb south of the capital, the military said.

The car bombing in Khaldiayah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, killed police officers, city workers and civilian bystanders, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jeff Swisher said.

An emergency room administrator at a hospital in

the nearby city of Ramadi put the toll even higher, at 21 people killed and more than 20 injured.

No American soldiers were in the area when the bomb exploded and none was hurt in the blast, the U.S. military said.

The U.S. soldier who died Sunday was trying to disarm a roadside bomb south of the capital, the military said.

The device was placed on a telephone pole next to the road near al-Haswah, 25 miles south of Baghdad. The soldier, an explosives disposal specialist, approached the bomb to disarm it when it exploded.

Also Sunday in Baghdad,

large explosions rocked central Baghdad Sunday evening and flames and thick smoke rose from the area, just hours after U.S. officials announced the capture of Saddam Hussein. A policeman said there were no casualties.

Shortly afterward, bursts of gunfire rang out from the area. The explosions occurred at 8:20 p.m. local time in the central Baghdad area of Karadah.

A policeman said a white four-wheel drive vehicle had exploded on Saadoun street, a busy thoroughfare, after two men jumped from the vehicle and fled the scene.

Two fire trucks arrived a few minutes later and started putting out the blaze.

## U.S. deficit swells

WASHINGTON — The deficit swelled to nearly \$43 billion in November, giving the country its second straight monthly red-ink ledger.

At the start of the new budget year in October, the government was \$69.5 billion in the hole as spending grew faster than revenues. In November, the Treasury Department reported Friday, spending totaled \$161.2 billion and revenues came to \$118.2 billion, thus producing the shortfall.

## Turkey detains suspect

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Police have detained a Turkish man trained in making explosives abroad who they believe helped prepare the bombs and trucks used in the Istanbul suicide bombings last month, authorities said Sunday.

Authorities called the man a "key suspect" in the bombings and said his capture was the most important so far in the investigation. After his capture, he was taken to an industrial park in Istanbul on Sunday where he showed police how the bombs were made.

From The Associated Press

## Black woman claims Strom Thurmond was her father

LOS ANGELES — A 78-year-old retired schoolteacher is coming forward after years of silence to claim she is the illegitimate, mixed-race daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond.

Essie Mae Washington-Williams, of Los Angeles, had long been rumored to be the daughter of the one-time segregationist. She is coming forward now at the urging of her children, attorney Frank K.

Wheaton said.

Williams told The Washington Post that Thurmond privately acknowledged her as his daughter and had given financial support since 1941.

From The Associated Press

## News tracker: What's new with old news

### States

**NYC tourism after attacks:** For the first holiday season since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, tourists are pouring into New York in near-record numbers, packing hotel rooms and eating out in droves.

Tourism officials expect the total number of tourists this year to at least match the 35 million recorded in 2002 — and, perhaps, approach the record 36.2 million who came in 2000.

**Halliburton charges:** A Republican congressman Saturday joined Democratic calls for hearings on allegations that Halliburton Co. charged up to \$61 million too much for delivering gasoline to Iraqi citizens under a no-bid contract.

Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., called the allegations "an absolute outrage" and said he wants the House Armed Services Committee to hold hearings early next year on Halliburton, Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.

**Laci Peterson case:** Modesto, Calif., prosecutors are interested in buying the pickup truck they claim Scott Peterson used to haul his pregnant wife's body to San Francisco Bay.

A judge last month ordered Modesto police to return the Ford F-150 pickup after Peterson's lawyer claimed his family needed to sell the vehicle to pay bills.

**Dean campaign:** Howard Dean has extended his lead over John Kerry in New Hampshire and is widely seen by Demo-

crats in that state as the candidate with the best chance of beating President Bush in a general election, according to a new poll.

The poll found that 42 percent of likely voters in New Hampshire's Democratic primary would vote for Dean if the election were held now, compared to 19 percent for Kerry and 13 percent for Wesley Clark, with 8 percent undecided.

**Accused bishop dies:** Retired Roman Catholic Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario of Honolulu, the first U.S. bishop accused of sexually abusing a minor, has died. He was 77.

Ferrario's male accuser maintained anonymity at a 1989 press conference, then went public and filed a 1991 lawsuit that was dismissed as too late. The bishop always denied the charge and retired early in 1993 following quintuple heart bypass surgery.

### World

**Azerbaijan funeral:** Thousands of mourners lined roads strewn with red carnations in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Sunday, grieving as the funeral cortege of former President Geidar Aliyev wound its way through the streets of the capital to take him home for the last time.

Azerbaijanis wept and placed flowers on the roadway ahead of Aliyev's hearse and the car carrying his son, Ilham, who succeeded his father as president of this Caspian Sea nation

earlier this year. Aliyev died of congestive heart failure Friday after a long illness.

The former leader will lie in state at the presidential palace Monday before the funeral set to begin at 4 p.m.

**Palestinian unrest:** Palestinians fired a barrage of mortars at Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip on Sunday, and Israeli troops killed a fugitive from the Islamic Jihad group in the West Bank.

The mortar barrage — 20 shells within a few hours — caused only minor damage, but prompted complaints from Gaza settlers that recent government comments about the possible dismantling of settlements have encouraged such violence.

**El Salvador massacre:** With religious ceremonies and the solemn burial of exhumed bones, families and friends on Saturday commemorated the 22nd anniversary of a bloody army massacre of civilians during the country's 12-year civil war.

The massacre happened in the town of El Mozote. According to a nongovernmental agency, Tutela Legal, members of a counterinsurgency army battalion "assassinated hundreds of civilians, including children, women and the elderly" during a three-day military operation lasting from Dec. 11 to Dec. 13, 1981.

**Nazi victims memorial:** Germany will build a national memorial to homosexuals persecuted or killed under the Nazis, in addition to its planned memo-

rial to the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, parliament decided Friday.

Nazi Germany declared homosexuality an aberration that threatened the German race and convicted some 50,000 homosexuals as criminals. An estimated 10,000 to 15,000 gay men were deported to concentration camps where few survived.

**Syria sanctions proposal:** Syria on Sunday denounced U.S. legislation threatening sanctions against the country unless it complies with U.S. demands for cooperation in the war against terror, calling the new law unjustified and biased.

The 22-nation Arab League urged Washington not to take the next step and impose sanctions, saying Syria had cooperated in the war on terrorism.

### War on terrorism

**Indonesian terror suspects:** The families of six Indonesian terror suspects, including the brother of Southeast Asia's top militant, called Sunday for their release, insisting that the men are innocent.

Authorities allowed the relatives to meet with the six men, who were deported from Pakistan on Thursday and have been detained ever since by Indonesian police on suspicion they were involved with the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Islamiyah.

From wire services



# Sooners' White takes Heisman

## Fitzgerald, Manning, Perry follow in voting

BY JOSH DUBOW

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The scars, the operations, the grueling rehab.

It was all worth it for Jason White.

A year after knee injuries almost ended his career, White capped his comeback by receiving the greatest individual honor in college football, the Heisman Trophy.

"Heck, yeah, it makes it worthwhile!" White said. "Going through that rehab you never would have thought that you'd get a Heisman out of the deal. I'd go through it all again."

White provided an inspirational ending to the feel-good story that helped carry Oklahoma to the Bowl Championship Series title game.

As White accepted the award, he looked out at his parents, who helped persuade him to keep going.

Ron White beamed proudly, knowing the work ethic he instilled by making his son shovel concrete as a kid helped make Jason a winner.

Sue White was in tears.

The small-town kid from Tuttle, Okla., was being honored on the biggest stage in the biggest city.

"Last year about this time, I was sitting at home watching the Heisman and thought how neat it would be to be there, to be one of the finalists," White said. "I never thought, after two surgeries, that I'd be here."

The award was well deserved for the 23-year-old senior. White threw 40 touchdown passes and led the third-ranked Sooners to 12 straight wins to open the season as he beat out Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald by 128 points.

Even a subpar performance in a loss in the Big 12 title game last week against Kansas State couldn't stop White from winning the award. His three months of brilliance before that were more than enough to persuade voters to pick him.

White, The Associated Press Player of the Year, led the nation in passing efficiency, completing 64 percent of his passes for 3,744 yards and only eight interceptions.

White beat Fitzgerald 1,481-1,353. Eli Manning was third with 710 points and Chris Perry was next with 341.

Voters list three choices on their ballots, and players are awarded three points for first place, two for second and one for third.

White, the first Oklahoma player since Billy Sims in 1978 to win the Heisman, had 319 first-place votes, 204 seconds and 116 thirds.

Fitzgerald, who set an NCAA record with touchdown catches in 18 straight games, had 253 firsts, 233 seconds and 128 thirds. He was trying to become the first sophomore to win the award, but only two Heisman winners have come from a team that's had as many as four losses at the time of the award.

"I think the losses really hurt me," Fitzgerald said. "All the guys up there, their teams had good records. They're playing in big bowl games."

Manning became the third member of his family to come close but fall short for the Heisman. His father, Archie, finished fourth in 1969 and third the following year, while older brother, Peyton, came in second in 1997.

Manning, who passed for 3,341 yards with 27 touchdowns this season, had 95 firsts, 132 seconds and 161 thirds.

Perry, who was fifth in the nation with 132.4 yards rushing per game and also scored 19 touchdowns, came in fourth with 27 firsts, 66 seconds and 128 thirds.

Three of the four finalists struggled with their conference titles on the line, with only Perry delivering in a 204-yard, two-TD game in a 35-21 victory against Ohio State.

Just as one bad game didn't stop Oklahoma from making it to the Sugar Bowl, it also didn't stop White, who was helped by the 50 percent of voters who cast their ballots before that game.

Fitzgerald got the most points from people who voted in the final week, but it wasn't enough to catch White.

"I'm still shocked that I won," White said. "I'm sure it's going to be one of the greatest feelings ever. My teammates should be part of this too. Because they are the ones who got me here."

White became the fourth Sooner to win the Heisman, joining Sims, Steve Owens (1969) and Billy Vessels (1952). Sims was sitting with his former coach, Barry Switzer, in the audience and yelled encouragement to White as he walked up to accept the award.

White is hoping to become the third quarterback to win the Heisman and the national title in the same season, joining Florida State's Charlie Ward (1993) and Florida's Danny Wuerffel (1996).

Recent Heisman-winning quarterbacks haven't fared so well, with Florida State's Chris Weinke (2000) and Nebraska's Eric Crouch (2001) both following up their Heisman wins with subpar title-game performances.

Kansas State running back Darren Sproles was fifth, followed by Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart, North Carolina State quarterback Philip Rivers, USC receiver Mike Williams, Miami of Ohio quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and Texas Tech quarterback B.J. Symons.

A regional voting breakdown had White winning the Far West, Southwest and South regions. Fitzgerald won the Midwest, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

The award completes an amazing transformation that began on Sept. 7, 2002, when White crumpled to the turf against Alabama with a torn right knee ligament. He had injured the same ligament on the other knee a year earlier.

"I wanted to be back on the field with my teammates," White said. "For a while, it didn't seem like it would happen."

## Grand Valley State defends its DII crown

*The Associated Press*

FLORENCE, Ala. — Grand Valley State won its second straight NCAA Division II title Saturday, with Mike Hoad intercepting a fourth-down pass with 27 seconds left to seal the Lakers' 10-3 victory over North Dakota.

Grand Valley State (14-1) dominated most of the game. But led by John Bowenkamp's passing, North Dakota (12-2) cut it to 10-3 in the final period and fell just short in the final minute.

Bowenkamp completed eight passes in a drive that started on North Dakota's 25 with 3:54 to play. On fourth-and-10 from the 17, Hoad intercepted Bowenkamp's pass on the 6.

Bowenkamp finished 28-of-41 for 281 yards and the interception.

He set a championship game record for completions.

It was the second time in three years that North Dakota and Grand Valley State have played for the title. In 2001, North Dakota won 17-14, scoring the go-ahead TD with 29 seconds left.

David Hendrix opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 19-yard field goal, and Grand Valley State made it 10-0 early in the second half on Michael Tennessee's 1-yard run.

North Dakota had moved to the Lakers 6 after the second-half kickoff, but Lucious Hawkins returned Bowenkamp's fumble 59 yards to set up the only touchdown of the game.

North Dakota's only points came on Jeff Glas' 35-yard field goal with 9:47 left.

## MusiCares about Sting

Tony Bennett, the Black Eyed Peas, Elvis Costello, Dido, Elton John, Diana Krall, k.d. lang, Dave Matthews, John Mayer and Rufus Wainwright will perform in honor of Sting at the 2004 MusiCares Person of the Year gala.

Sting will receive the honor at a special tribute dinner, concert and silent auction Feb. 6 in Los Angeles, the Recording Academy said Tuesday. The gala is part of a weeklong festival leading up to the Grammy Awards, which will be presented Feb. 8.

The 52-year-old singer was selected for his accomplishments as a musician, humanitarian and environmental activist.

MusiCares provides assistance to music people in times of need.

## Messing craves for baby

A pregnant Debra Messing says her

## Faces 'n' Places

cravings have run the gamut — from healthy meals to fast food.

"I went through a big health-cereal-with-blueberries phase where I was eating three times a day. Then I went through a big fast-food burger phase, and now I'm settling into pizza pretty well. I'm liking grapes these days, too," she told the syndicated TV program "Access Hollywood."

Messing, who won an Emmy for her role on the NBC comedy "Will & Grace," says hiding her pregnancy has been a challenge for the show's wardrobe staff.

"The baby keeps growing so everything ... is only good for a week ... lots of pocketbooks, hats, coats and shopping bags," the 35-year-old actress said.

The baby, due next summer, is the first for Messing and her husband, Daniel Zelman.

## Travolta's gotta fly

John Travolta made three movies this year, but wishes he'd given up his day job.

Not because he regrets making "A Love Song for Bobby Long," "Ladder 49" or "The Punisher," but because his busy moviemaking schedule prevented him from doing something he'd love to have done: fly one of three vintage planes to the new second home of the National Air and Space Museum.

Instead, he participated in the dedication of the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center on Thursday. The museum opens Monday.

Historic planes were flown in throughout the year to Dulles International Airport, where the new museum is located in Chantilly, Va.

"I should have taken the year off from the movies and done the plane thing," the 49-year-old actor said.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press..

# Record crowd sees Kentucky down MSU

BY LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Kentucky Wildcats made shots with daylight peeking through glass, students bouncing on the turf and a record crowd rooting against them.

Playing with remarkable poise, as if they were home at Rupp Arena, Gerald Fitch scored 25 points to lead the eighth-ranked Wildcats to a 79-74 victory over No. 21 Michigan State on Saturday before a basketball world-record crowd of 78,129 at Ford Field.

"It got loud at times, but we blocked the noise out and focused on the game at hand," said Kentucky's Cliff Hawkins, who had 13 points. "We didn't get caught up in the atmosphere."

The Wildcats, who never trailed, are 5-0 for the first time since 1992-93.

Paul Davis scored a career-high 24 points for Michigan State (3-4), which has a losing record for the first time since 1995-96, Tom Izzo's first season as head coach.

"I'm more disappointed than usual because we had an opportunity of a lifetime," Izzo said.

Basketball's previous attendance record was 75,000, set in 1951 when the Harlem Globetrotters played at Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

The NCAA attendance record was 68,112, set in 1990 at the Louisiana Superdome when Notre Dame played LSU. The NBA record is 62,046 from a Chicago-Atlanta game at the Georgia Dome in 1998.

"We are so pleased and excited to be

a part of such a historical-type atmosphere," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "It was a real festive atmosphere. It was a real happening event."

Besides the 65,000 spectators the stadium holds for a Detroit Lions game, there were about 5,000 students — without seats — standing, jumping and lounging on the artificial turf.

Another 5,000 fans had seats on the floor, some paying as much as \$500, as did hundreds of band members from both schools.

Others spent \$8 for seats in the upper deck that were so far away jersey numbers could only be seen with binoculars.

In one end zone, students looked like they were at an outdoor concert.

Some sat behind Kentucky's band and "The Izzone," Michigan State's student section, and could only see the heads and shoulders of the players despite the court being elevated on a 3-foot platform.

Others simply laid on their backs and watched the game on the videoboard. "We just got tired of standing up," said Mike Morgan, 17, of Grand Rapids. "It's pretty cool to be here for the record. That's the reason we came."

Players had to walk up three steps to get on the court, which Michigan State brought from East Lansing.

The undersized Wildcats didn't have much trouble scoring inside against Michigan State, with a 44-26 advantage of points in the paint.

"It just shows no matter how big the stage is, when it comes down to it, our defense is going to get us the win," said Kentucky's Chuck Hayes, who had 14 points. "And when we need shots, we're going to make them."

## Foulke goes to Red Sox; Braves trade for Drew

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NEW ORLEANS — The Boston Red Sox revved-up the arms race by closing a deal for All-Star closer Keith Foulke, while J.D. Drew and Juan Encarnacion also found new homes when talking turned into trading Saturday at the winter meetings.

Atlanta filled its need for a right fielder by getting Drew in a five-player swap with St. Louis. Desperate for hitters, Los Angeles acquired Encarnacion from Florida.

Miguel Tejada, Ivan Rodriguez, Greg Maddux and Vladimir Guerrero were among the many top free agents still available. So was former Gold Glove outfielder Mike Cameron.

No major news, at least for now, from the New York Yankees, the only team that didn't send top executives to this four-day session.

They tinkered to complete their Kevin Brown-for-Jeff Weaver trade with Los Angeles and worked on signing Kenny Lofton.

Sterling Hitchcock and Kent Mercker were among the middle-level pitchers hoping to soon find out where they'll play in 2004.

Hitchcock was leaning toward returning to San Diego and Mercker might wind up back in Cincinnati.

Foulke, however, decided against re-signing with Oakland.

Instead, the free agent reliever who led the AL with 43 saves last season

reached agreement with the Red Sox on a deal that guarantees him \$24 million.

"We're trying to build a bullpen that's deep," new Red Sox manager Terry Francona said, while not confirming Foulke's signing.

"You can call it what you want, but we're trying to shorten games."

Foulke reached agreement on a three-year deal that includes a player option for a fourth season. He was set to take a physical to complete his deal, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Foulke joins starter Curt Schilling as top pitchers acquired by the Red Sox since the season ended. Boston also is talking about getting AL MVP Alex Rodriguez from Texas in a trade for Manny Ramirez.

The Red Sox haven't won a World Series championship since 1918, with the Yankees often getting in the way. Since losing in this year's Series, the Yankees have since traded for pitcher Javier Vazquez and neared a deal to get Brown.

As Foulke decided between the Red Sox and the Athletics, who offered a four-year deal, he was particularly interested in hearing about Boston's history and its ongoing quest to win a championship.

Having played in two-team markets throughout his career, the chance to help bring a title to an area so wrapped in only one club was a major factor.

The 31-year-old righty was 9-1 with 43 saves and a 2.08 ERA for Oakland last season and was an AL All-Star.

## Scores/standings

### NBA

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	12	11	.522	—
Boston	12	12	.500	½
New Jersey	11	12	.478	1
New York	8	16	.333	4½
Miami	7	15	.318	4½
Washington	7	15	.318	4½
Orlando	4	20	.167	8½

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	18	6	.750	—
New Orleans	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	13	9	.591	4
Detroit	14	10	.583	4
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	6½
Atlanta	7	18	.280	11½
Chicago	6	16	.273	11
Cleveland	6	17	.261	11½

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	14	8	.636	—
Denver	14	9	.609	½
San Antonio	15	10	.600	½
Houston	13	9	.591	1
Memphis	13	9	.591	1
Minnesota	13	9	.591	1
Utah	12	10	.545	2

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	5	.783	—
Sacramento	15	5	.750	1½
Portland	11	10	.524	6
Seattle	10	10	.500	6½
Golden State	10	11	.476	7
L.A. Clippers	8	11	.421	8
Phoenix	8	15	.348	10

##### Saturday's games

Orlando 105, Atlanta 102  
 Boston 105, Cleveland 98  
 New York 95, Denver 88  
 Memphis 110, New Jersey 63  
 Chicago 86, Indiana 75  
 San Antonio 86, Houston 73  
 Portland 112, L.A. Lakers 108  
 L.A. Clippers 106, Phoenix 91

#### AP men's Top 25 fared

##### Saturday

- Florida (5-2) lost to Louisville 73-65.
- Connecticut (7-1) beat Quinnipiac 88-55.
- Missouri (3-1) lost to No. 17 Gonzaga 87-80, OT.
- Duke (5-1) did not play.
- Kansas (5-1) beat Oregon 77-67.
- Texas (4-1) did not play.
- North Carolina (5-0) did not play.
- Kentucky (5-0) beat No. 21 Michigan State 79-74.
- Arizona (4-1) beat No. 22 Marquette 85-75.
- Georgia Tech (8-0) beat Saint Louis 75-62.
- Oklahoma (7-0) beat Prairie View 83-56.
- Saint Joseph's (6-0) did not play.
- Stanford (5-0) beat UNLV 86-71.
- Illinois (6-2) beat Memphis 74-64.
- Wake Forest (5-0) did not play.
- Purdue (7-1) beat Central Michigan 80-39.
- Gonzaga (7-1) beat No. 3 Missouri 87-80, OT.

18. Cincinnati (4-0) did not play.  
 19. Syracuse (3-1) beat Binghamton 75-54.

20. Pittsburgh (7-0) beat Youngstown State 57-42.

21. Michigan State (3-4) lost to No. 8 Kentucky 79-74.

22. Marquette (6-1) lost to No. 9 Arizona 85-75.

23. Wisconsin (6-1) beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 89-71.

24. Iowa (6-1) did not play.

25. Dayton (8-0) beat Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis 61-59.

### NHL

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	4	8	1	43	87	57
New Jersey	16	5	7	0	39	66	43
N.Y. Rangers	11	12	5	2	29	79	76
N.Y. Islanders	12	13	2	1	27	76	72
Pittsburgh	7	16	4	2	20	62	107

##### Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	17	6	5	3	42	85	74
Boston	13	6	7	4	37	81	75
Ottawa	13	10	3	3	32	88	65
Montreal	14	13	3	1	32	70	72
Buffalo	12	16	2	1	27	68	86

##### Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	16	12	3	1	36	98	94
Tampa Bay	13	9	4	1	31	65	58
Florida	10	14	6	1	27	67	83
Carolina	8	12	8	1	25	55	69
Washington	9	19	1	1	20	77	99

#### Western Conference

##### Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	18	10	3	1	40	112	78
St. Louis	18	6	2	1	39	75	58
Nashville	14	12	2	0	30	70	72
Columbus	8	15	4	2	22	60	83
Chicago	7	15	5	3	22	57	85

##### Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	16	7	5	1	38	88	65
Vancouver	15	7	5	2	37	88	67
Calgary	14	9	2	3	33	66	61
Edmonton	11	13	5	0	27	78	87
Minnesota	11	14	5	0	27	60	64

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	15	11	1	3	34	80	70
San Jose	10	8	10	2	32	71	70
Phoenix	10	10	8	1	29	73	85
Anaheim	10	11	4	5	29	65	81
Dallas	12	15	3	0	27	61	72

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

##### Saturday's games

Boston 3, Ottawa 2  
 Detroit 5, Washington 1  
 Toronto 3, N.Y. Rangers 1  
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Atlanta 0  
 New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 0  
 Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 3  
 Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 2  
 St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 1  
 Minnesota 3, Buffalo 2  
 Florida 2, Nashville 2, tie  
 Colorado 1, Calgary 1, tie  
 San Jose 2, Anaheim 0

##### Sunday's games

Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Anaheim, 8 p.m.  
 Carolina at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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